

Luke Story, Nacole Sweeney, Hilary Trudell, Kevin Weldon, Lawren Wilcox, Temeka Williams, Emily Wood, and Amiee York.

These individuals have worked diligently over the past nine months to enhance the economic outlook of our great state.

They join the dynamic group of Leadership Arkansas' alumni, more than 600 strong, who have gone on to accept roles of great responsibility in the private and public sectors. I congratulate them on their achievement and am excited to see how they shape the future of the state of Arkansas and our great country.

GI BILL ACCESS TO CAREER CREDENTIALS ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the GI Bill Access to Career Credentials Act, which would allow Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) educational assistance to cover the cost of approved preparatory courses for professional license and certification exams. By covering these courses under the GI Bill, veterans and their eligible family members will have better access to the support they need to enter in-demand careers in health care, teaching, technology and other fields that may require government licenses and certifications. To ensure quality and accountability, courses eligible for reimbursement must be approved beforehand by their State Approving Agency based on current requirements in law.

For the past 75 years, the VA estimates the GI Bill has helped more than 25 million veterans and their families nationwide including the Marianas achieve their educational and career goals. During this time, Congress expanded the GI Bill to cover non-tuition expenses such as college admissions test fees, admissions test preparatory courses and exam fees for licenses and certifications. While the more than 5,700 GI Bill students across the country over the last year and half used their license and certification exam fees reimbursement benefit according to the VA, courses designed to help them pass these tests, such as a \$400 nurse licensing exam course offered by Northern Marianas College, are not reimbursable. Not all students pass these exams on their first attempt which is why the GI Bill must be updated so VA educational assistance covers both preparatory courses and reimbursement of test fees for licenses and certifications.

Around 20 to 30 percent of graduating seniors each year enter the military according to the Marianas Public School System. When these future veterans transition to civilian life, the GI Bill benefits they earned should help prepare them to succeed in an economy increasingly reliant on technical skills which often requires paying for various tests, professional licenses, and other credentials. The gentleman from Indiana, Mr. BANKS, is an original cosponsor of the bill. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation, endorsed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which will help veterans and their eligible family members access the necessary credentials

to make their educational and career dreams a reality.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, on May 17, 2019 I was unable to vote due to my daughter's graduation. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 215; YEA on Roll Call No. 216; and NAY on Roll Call No. 217.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF TERRY NORWOOD

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Terry Norwood from the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF).

Mr. Norwood, a native of Union County, Mississippi, was born on December 27, 1951. He was raised on a dairy and cotton farm in Rockyford, Mississippi now known as Etta, Mississippi. It was here that Mr. Norwood's love for agriculture sparked. In 1969, Mr. Norwood graduated from West Union High School and attended Northeast Mississippi Junior College. After his two years at Northeast, Mr. Norwood earned his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Education and Agriculture Engineering from Mississippi State University. Mr. Norwood subsequently earned a Masters Degree in Agriculture and Extension Education.

On June 1, 1993, Mr. Norwood joined the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation as a Fieldman and Regional Manager. He remained faithful in his commitment to MFBF for 26 years. Under his leadership, there has been 5 Achievement Award winners, 5 Discussion Meet winners, 2 Excellent in Ag winners, and 3 Farm Women of the Year winners. Leadership is often measured by what that individual achieves but a true leader is measured by what his subordinates achieve. The amount of awards people received under his leadership speaks volumes of the man and leader Mr. Norwood is.

In March of 1977, Mr. Norwood married his better half, Debbie McNabb Norwood and have spent 43 years happily married. Together they have three kids, Franklin, Dr. Allison, and Jacob. Mr. and Mrs. Norwood own and operate Rockyford Farms and Rockford Sorghum Mill, where they have produced sweet sorghum syrup called "Moonlite Gold" for 39 years with no intentions of stopping anytime soon.

Mr. Norwood has selflessly served his community and state for years, and I wish him and his family many years of health and happiness.

REMEMBERING FATHER ANGELO CASERTA

HON. WARREN DAVIDSON

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great man. Born in Piqua, Ohio, Father Angelo Caserta, was the oldest active priest in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. He peacefully passed away last week.

Those who knew Father Caserta recall his talent for people, his comforting words, and his love for our community.

When asked about the secret to his longevity, Father Caserta said, "My secret is the good Lord. The Lord gets all the credit. I'm the only classmate surviving in my class. Not many average that milestone. It's a celebration of God's goodness. How He could choose someone like me and take care of me for 70 years while doing His work in the priesthood."

While I did not know Father Caserta personally, I know of his deeds by those who did, and the love he had for our community.

Madam Speaker, I honor Father Caserta's life of service, and extend my condolences to those who knew him.

IN RECOGNITION OF TWO RIVER THEATER AND JOAN AND ROBERT RECHNITZ

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Two River Theater on its 25th Anniversary and join its leadership, staff and Board of Trustees in honoring its founders, Joan and Robert Rechnitz.

Founded in 1994 by Joan and Robert (Bob) Rechnitz, Two River Theater continues to bring art, culture and vitality to the greater Red Bank community. Two River Theater is a premier regional theater, providing an outstanding educational and recreational resource for the greater Monmouth County area. Its efforts to introduce theater to a broader audience and represent the diversity of the communities it serves are commendable. Two River Theater remains dedicated to fostering new work and imaginative interpretations of classics, supporting the creative expressions of many leading artists. Its commitment to promoting the arts has contributed to the thriving cultural landscape of the community.

Joan and Bob's commitment to the arts and humanities extends beyond Two River Theater. The Joan and Robert Rechnitz Hall at Monmouth University promotes arts exhibitions and education and Bob continues to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Orchestra, among many other philanthropic endeavors. In addition to promoting arts appreciation and advancement, Joan and Bob are stalwart advocates of land preservation and conservation efforts as well as health care facilities and innovations, supporting the Monmouth Conservation Foundation, Monmouth Medical Center, Riverview Medical Center and many others. Their impact on the community is immeasurable.